GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up a National Disaster Management Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the composition, objectives and terms of reference of the above mentioned body;

(d) the time by which it is likely to start functioning;

(e) whether some guidelines have also been issued to the State Governments in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof;
(g) whether the Government have also asked all States to set up Disaster Management Centres in their State; and
(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (d): In the wake of recent severe earthquake in Gujarat, a National Committee on Disaster Management has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister having representation of the National and State Level political parties to inter-alia suggest necessary institutional and legislative measures needed for an effective and long-term strategy to deal with major natural calamities in the future. The first meeting of the National Committee was held on 18th February, 2001.

(e) to (h): Institutional arrangements exist at the National, State and District levels for management of natural disasters. The primary responsibility for undertaking rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures as well as disaster preparedness and mitigation programmes, in the event of natural disasters is that of the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government. Disaster mitigation measures are reviewed from time to time keeping in view the nature, intensity and impact of the natural disasters. In the wake of recent earthquake in Gujarat , States coming in seismic Zones IV and V have been requested to update their Contingency Action Plan with emphasis on preparedness and public awareness.